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We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal sheet, in duplicate, containing Certificate under 37 CFR 1.10
- ☒ Utility Patent Application: Spec. 10 pgs; 36 claims; Abstract 1 pg.
- ☒ 10 sheets of formal drawings
- ☒ An unsigned Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 2 references
- ☒ Communication Regarding Prior Art Accessory Mounting Bracket
- ☒ Return postcard
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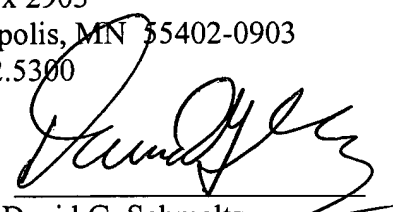
Dear Sir:

Included herewith are photos of a prior art accessory mounting bracket of the type described in the background of the present patent application. The bracket includes a threaded metal fastener in the form of a thumb screw for securing the mounting bracket to a track or groove provided on a boat.

Please contact the undersigned attorney at 612.336.4617 with any questions.

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